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**Mail Stop Issue Fee**

Re: Allowed U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/665,581; Filed: September 18, 2000  
For: **Direct Conversion Tuner**  
Inventor: Erlend Olson  
Our Ref: 1875.0160000

Sir:

In response to the **Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due** dated November 14, 2005, the following documents are forwarded for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Issue Fee Transmittal (Form PTOL-85B);
2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) for \$1,409.00 to cover:  
\$1,400.00 Issue Fee; and  
\$ 9.00 Advance copies of patent; and
3. Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance;
4. Copy of date-stamped postcard that accompanied RCE and Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement filing of February 4, 2005;
5. Copy of PTO 1449 Form filed with RCE and Fifth Supplemental Information Statement on February 4, 2005; and
6. Copy of Document Ref. No. AS2 (Maas, "Microwave Mixers," Artech House, Copyright, 1986, pages 248-251), which accompanied our Fifth

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Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and RCE filed on  
February 4, 2005; and

7. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

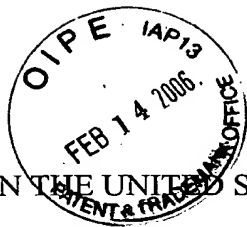
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In re application of:

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Appl. No.: 09/665,581

Filed: September 18, 2000

For: **Direct Conversion Tuner**

Confirmation No.: 4718

Art Unit: 2685

Examiner: Nguyen, Duc M

Atty. Docket: 1875.0160000

**Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance**

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Sir:

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claims 2-9, 11-24, 26-30, 46, 48-52, and 56-63 in the Notice of Allowance mailed November 14, 2005.

***Comments on the Information Disclosure Statement submitted February 4, 2005***

The Notice of Allowance alleges that the Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on February 4, 2005 does not comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) for allegedly not providing a legible copy of a non-patent reference. Specifically, the Notice of Allowance alleges that the Artech house reference was not provided.

Applicant respectfully disagrees. Applicant's date-stamped postcard, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, indicates that copies of three references were provided to the U.S. Patent Office, corresponding to the three non-patent references listed on the PTO-1449 filed on February 4, 2005, one of which was the Artech House reference.

Accordingly, the Artech house reference was one of the references timely submitted to the U.S. Patent Office on February 4, 2005.

Applicant has provided, herewith, a second copy of the Artech house reference listed on the 1449 filed on February 4, 2005, along with an additional 1449 listing this reference. Therefore, based on the discussion above, Applicant requests that this reference be considered and that the 1449 be initialed and returned.

Respectfully submitted,

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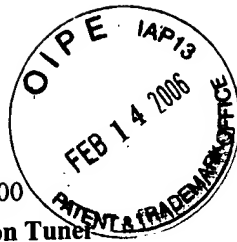
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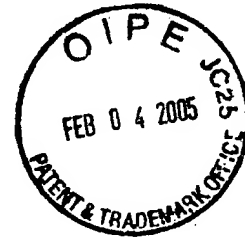
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1. SKGF Cover Letter;
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (Form PTO/SB/30);
3. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$790.00 to cover:  
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4. Fifth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
5. Form PTO-1449 (2 sheets) with (3) accompanying documents;
6. Submission of Drawings;
7. 19 sheets of Replacement drawings, approval of which is respectfully requested; and
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